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TO : Acting Director of Training

DATE: 3 December 1959

FROM : Plans and Policy Staff

SUBJECT: Weekly Activity Report #46

1. Army Special Forces

Mr. [] ADTR, of an Army Special Warfare Center briefing team which presents an excellent, approximately three-hour-long briefing on (a) the Special Forces and (b) Army Psychological Warfare. It was agreed that this presentation should be of interest to CIA. Mr. [] will suggest this to [] and, if desired, OTR will make available the R&S auditorium, probably in January, 1960. OTR instructors [] would also attend.

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2. Participation in Training

Mr. [] is enrolled in the Counterintelligence Operations Course which began on 30 November. Miss Barbara [] began in the Administrative Procedures Course on the same date.

3. CIA Assistance for Senator Jackson

At the request of Mr. John Warner, O/General Counsel, PPS drafted a letter for the DCI to Hon. Henry M. Jackson, U. S. Senator from Washington, thanking Senator Jackson for a copy of a NATO Parliamentarian committee report concerning "Asian and African Languages." This report, which was endorsed by the recent NATO Parliamentarian's Conference in D. C. and will be forwarded to the North Atlantic Council for approval and implementation, recommends the employment of a full-time area/language specialist on the NATO staff to guide a proposed \$500,000/year (initially) program of Asia-Africa area/language study and research designed to produce foreign language dictionaries, records, tape recordings, and other instructional and reference materials necessary to the study of the languages and culture of the lesser-known portions of Africa and Asia. In addition,

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[redacted] Through the good offices of Mr. [redacted] DC/SR, SR [redacted] produced on very short notice an excellent summary entitled "Language and Area Competence of Soviets in Overseas Posts," based on [redacted] unclassified, State study. This paper, declassified, will be made available to Senator Jackson by [redacted]. It should also be useful to OTR in the SIC and LAS faculties.

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4. Dependent Briefings

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A significant problem associated with the Dependent Briefing program is the relatively small number of Commo dependents who attend these briefings. On 2 December this was discussed with Rex [redacted], the Commo Chief of Support, and he has detailed one of his staff members [redacted] to make a review of the situation. For some time Commo has followed the practice of briefing its own dependents rather than scheduling them for the briefing in Central Building; these briefings are conducted by members of Mr. [redacted] staff. When this practice began several years ago it was based on Commo's belief that it could do a better job than OTR was then doing. An additional reason for separate handling was the fact that many Commo dependents never reside in Washington and are available for briefing only during relatively short visits. Since Commo controls their movements, it felt itself in a better position to handle their processing. Mr. [redacted] is personally well disposed toward OTR's dependent briefing and AAO courses, having just sent his wife through both these and having personally attended an AAO tailor-made course. (As a matter of interest, Mrs. [redacted] expressed the view that both the dependents briefing and the AAO should be mandatory for all out-going wives regardless of previous service abroad.)

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5. Language Award Program

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A meeting of the Language Development Committee has been set for Thursday, 10 December to consider ways by which cuts can be made in the language award program. The Registrar has completed a report of all awards approved to date and this is being circulated to Committee members for review prior to the meeting. The Registrar also reports that awards totaling more than [redacted] have already been approved during FY 60 and additional awards now being processed in his office will probably add another \$10,000 to the total. It will be recalled that only [redacted] is available in the revised FY 60 budget for language awards.

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6. Language Training

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Colonel White has sent copies of OTR's paper on language training to DD/I and DD/P, and [] got a look at DD/I's comments when the paper was returned to Miss [] office. DD/I had apparently reviewed the paper most carefully, as evidenced by extensive notes in the margins. And a number of specific comments also appeared there. Bob Amory's covering note simply indicated his general agreement with the ideas reflected in the paper and his readiness to do whatever might be necessary with respect to the language development program. DD/P has not yet replied.

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